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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified divisional patent application on the merits, please amend the above-identified divisional patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **AMEND** the specification as follows:

On page 2, line 16, DELETE "i a".

On page 4, line 27, REPLACE "gets" with --come--.

On page 5, line 19, REPLACE "accessable" with --accessible--.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-7 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A method [for] of tamp printing of at least one picture [(4)by means of] using at least one tamp pad [(1, 18, 24, 34)] on a piece [(3), which has] having a plurality of boundary surfaces [(5, 13)] forming angles in relation to one another [each other], the method comprising the steps of: [characterized in that the tamp pad first prints]

printing in a first direction [(10)] against a first boundary surface of said plurality of boundary surfaces [(13, 43)], the step of printing in the first direction [and thereafter, after further compression of the tamp pad (1)] causing compression of the at least one tamp pad against said first boundary surface, the compression causing the tamp pad to deform; and [(13) due to its deformation, prints]

printing in [another] a second direction [(45) than the direction (10)] against [another] a second boundary surface of the plurality of boundary surfaces [or other boundary surfaces (5, 43)], whereby the at least one picture is transferred to said boundary surfaces.

- 2. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 1, wherein [characterized in that] said piece [is] comprises a mobile telephone cover and said boundary surfaces [are] comprise [the] inside surfaces of said mobile telephone cover.
- 3. (AMENDED) A method according to <u>claim 2</u> [any of claims 1 or 2], wherein [characterized in that] said picture [is] <u>comprises</u> an electrically conductive layer.

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- 4. (AMENDED) A method according to <u>claim 1</u> [any of the preceding claims], [characterized in that] <u>wherein</u> the tamp pad [(1) is] <u>comprises</u> a rotating tamp pad [(1)] rotating around a shaft [(30)].
- 5. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 4, [characterized in that] wherein said rotating tamp pad comprises [(1) is divided by means of] at least one intermediate notch [intermediate notches (33) in an arbitrary number] dividing the rotating tamp pad into a plurality of tamp pad portions [(34)], the rotating tamp pad portions each being able to individually print said picture against the inside of the [piece/mobile telephone cover (3)] piece.
- 6. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 5, wherein the steps of printing in a first and second direction further comprise: [characterized in that ink, preferably metal ink, is applied on]

applying ink from an ink container to at least one rotating printing block [(40) in a continuous process from an ink container (41), when] responsive to rotation of the tamp pad [(1) rotates], said printing block being in rotating contact with the tamp pad, [whereby] thereby transferring the picture [is transferred] to the tamp pad portions; and [(34), which thereafter]

[transfer] <u>transferring</u> said picture <u>from the tamp pad portions</u> to said [pieces/mobile telephone covers] <u>pieces</u>.

7. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 6, wherein [characterized in that] said tamp pad portions [(34)] of said rotating tamp pad print said picture on [the] an inside surface of [pieces/mobile telephone covers] the pieces, wherein the pieces pass [passing] said rotating tamp pad on a conveyor belt [(32)].

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REMARKS

It is noted for the record that these amended claims, especially given the preexamination status of the application, are not presented in response to any rejections or any particular prior art. These amended claims are intended to comport with the patent laws of the United States and the customary practices of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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